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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SUBSEQUENT TO EMBASSY REPRESENTATION TO BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE (BOFT) ON COLOR TV DUTIES, WE FOLLOWED UP WITH REPRESENTATION TO S.Y. WANG (WANG SHAO-YU) NXVICE MINISTER OF FINANCE IN THE ABSENCE OF MINISTER K.T. LI (LI, KUO-TING). IT IS EVIDENT THAT GROC OFFICIALS WELL AWARE OF REHFELDT PROBLEM, BUT EQUALLY EVIDENT THAT GROC RESPONDING TO STRONG LOCAL INDUSTRY PRESSURES TO PROTECT DOMESTIC FIRMS. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH THIS MATTER WITH APPROPRIATE GROC OFFICIALS, ALTHOUGH UNLESS PRESENT SITUATION CHANGES WE SEE LITTLE IMMEDIATE HOPE FOR LOWERING OF TARIFFS ON ASSEMBLED COLOR TV SETS.

2. KLEIN'S MESSAGE FOR REHFELDT HAS BEEN PASSED TO EDWARD REHFELDT SR.

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3. EDWARD REHFELDT SR. INFORMS US THAT CHARLES REHFELDT

WILL CALL ON KLEIN MONDAY, AUGUST 25, PRIOR TO SEEING ROC AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT RCA'S INTEREST IN THIS QUESTION SOMEWHATDIFFERENT THAT REHFELDTS'SINCE THE POTENTIAL FOR EXPORT OF LARGE-SCREEN COLOR TV SETS TO ROC INSIGNIFICANT IN COMPARISON WITH RCA'S MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS IN TAIWAN AND EXPORTS OF BLACK AND WHITE SETS TO THE UNITED STATES. THUS, RCA OFFICIALS ARE NOT INCLINED TO CREATE AN ISSUE WHICH CONCEIVABLY COULD LEAD TO RESTRICTIONS ON THEIR EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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